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- 1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorney(s) for Applicant(s) hereby bring the reference(s) listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449 to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
- 2. A copy of each patent, publication or other information listed on the modified PTO form 1449 is enclosed, except as otherwise indicated.
- 3. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. Therefore, no certification or fee is required.
- 4. In the event an Office Action is mailed before this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and § 1.97(e), applicants' attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application (EP) dated September 6, 2007, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

5. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge KENYON & KENYON LLP'S Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees.

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